

PARALLEL OF MENDEL BEILIS AND LEO FRANK CASES—"BOTH JEW PERSECUTIONS!"

(When Mendel Beilis was being tried in Russia on a false murder charge Mary Boyle O'Reilly made a long journey to Kiev to study and write about the trial. Her articles at that time told the truth about the case and Russian officialdom. Mary Boyle O'Reilly is again in Russia but because of her study of the Beilis case she is intensely interested in the case of Leo M. Frank, the Jew who is fighting in an effort to prove that he did not kill Mary Phagan in Atlanta, Ga. Miss O'Reilly about a month ago wrote an article, a parallel of the Beilis and Frank cases and mailed it to the Day Book. This story which has just reached us is made particularly timely because of the fact that the United States supreme court has just dismissed Frank's final plea and nothing but a pardon can save him now.—Editor.)

BY MARY BOYLE O'REILLY

It seems a long way from Atlanta, Ga., to Kiev in southern Russia—on a map. About two years ago I was sent to darkest Russia to report the ritual murder trial. No American journalist then dreamed that Jew-baiting, disguised as a legal program, might presently be studied in the United States.

On March 15, 1911, Andrei Yuschinsky, aged 12, left his home in Kiev to get powder for a toy pistol. An hour later he was chased from Zaitiff's brick kilns by Mendel Beilis who, being yard guard, had every right to be there. The little boy was never again seen alive.

On April 26, 1913, Mary Phagan, aged 14, left her home in Atlanta to collect wages due her at the National Pencil company. An hour later she was paid by Leo M. Frank who was at work in his office at the factory. From that errand she never returned.

Being Passover the brickyard was deserted.

Being Confederate Decoration Day the pencil factory was closed.

Beilis and Frank both admitted that so far as they knew they were alone in the brickyard and the pencil works. In both cases search was promptly instituted by the missing child's stepfather. Presently each body was discovered by a watchman, one in a cave, the other in a cellar, disfigured by wounds. Both children had evidently fought for life. Both were murdered.

There was nothing in either case to suggest the race or nationality of



Leo M. Frank

the murderer. But almost immediately the terrible cry arose "Find the Jew."

Mendel Beilis, victim of the ritual murder legend, is an ignorant moujik, kept illiterate by the anti-Jew laws of Russia.

Leo M. Frank is a college graduate. Aside from these accidents of fortune both are shy, silent men giv-